

March 2024



ARDEN CLUB

Don't forget—March Madness Run this Sunday 24th March. Arrive 10.15—10.30 for coffees etc. Run starts at 11.00. Piston Club / Stag Pub at Redhill. See P14.

March Newsletter—Bumper AGM edition.

Please send contributions for the newsletter to me by the 10th of the Month. You can send it earlier!!

Please send to me at dlpitt@btinternet.com

Caption Competition—photo care of Graham.

Send me your captions and the winner, to be chosen by Graham, will be mentioned in the next newsletter. No prizes though....

Last month we had what appeared to depict an MG owner about to have the business end of a Wickman 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " multi-spindle lathe dropped onto their roof-rack.



The winner was Mike Green with caption:

“ MG MOBILE MACHINING - strap her down well lads and don't forget the 12v power lead!”

There wasn't much competition from you but we will try it one more time...

This is the photo, again from Graham as you can tell so answers on a postcard to me or by email please.

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Backbencher Mike's Final Chairman's Chatter

"That was the year that was", as they used to say, concluding in fine form by my being able to pass the baton to young Stephen Bailey, ably assisted by Denise - a combined resource second to none.

I can almost say that the AGM went smoothly and to my orderly plan - with just my usual bucketful of hiccups to keep you both amused and maintain your attention.

I thought that as a final act of power and defiance, I should squeeze in a game of Bingo just before the AGM. Alas, Mr Robson of Robson Green Entertainment, had excused himself from the honour of being the Caller and was some 200 miles away in Cornwall with Fiona (who was carefully "running in" her new knee).

Ahead of the AGM, I was hopeful of calls from potential Chair people, but no, my phone remained quiet. With about a week to go, Stephen mailed me asking if we could meet; that we the four of us did, for 3 hours and some 48 hours later Stephen's hat was in the ring. I had sensed when his RV8 arrived he was keen and with a fair wind, could be on the hook. Enter Enty the Bolton Wanderer, who had assumed the role of Head-hunter, sort of unknown to me, he had apparently mentioned to Stephen, just once or twice(a week!), that the role of Chair could have his name on it.

All this said, just as I had stipulated that I would serve for 1 year only, Stephen has likewise followed my lead and will make this express point at the next meeting. Personally I think 1 year is right for many and various sound reasons - geese have always rotated their leaders, which might explain why a flock can cover 1500 miles in a day!

Regardless of there being any new Chair and with Q2 for 2024 almost upon us, I was keen to create enthusiasm amongst our wider membership to plan our 2024 Events Calendar and moreover to consider new destinations. Page 13 of the Newsletter provides a list of scheduled events and a few other possibilities

to which you're all encouraged to add further suggestions, whilst importantly offering to help organise them. My personal view is that, given our numbers, we shouldn't expect anyone to help organise more than say 3 events. I understand endorsing the principle of sharing the load, will form a key part of Stephen's first meeting address in April.

With Q1 usually difficult to kickstart, a few months ago Jane and I took the lead to run the Chilly Willy run and for starters booked the View. In true Club spirit, David Pitt soon jumped in and delivered a fine but fairly damp run - thank you David and Sheila. Jane and I similarly booked the Piston Club for the March Madness event, which we will run. For Drive It day, I floated the idea of following the Blossom Trail, which to my delight our fairly new member John Burbeck is organising with help from David P. Fred has volunteered to organise a new run to The Motor Hub at Bibury and Stephen B the Steam Train Fish n Chips. Finally and as you would expect, Paul D has a number of runs in mind. Feels like a busy time ahead and plenty of exercise for our loved ones.

As I pass the baton to Stephen and with spring upon us, the Club is in my view buzzing, all due to you our Membership -simply thank you.

The AGM

Knowing that Stephen was no doubt about to become the new Chair and other Officials were standing for re-election, the AGM became less stressful and the outcome as I / we all preferred.

My full Report was included in the February newsletter and reproduced on pages 2 and 3

What I would briefly say is that my year fortunately started well on 2 particular counts:

1. The chance of a Q&A with Mick and Margy in April - I had wanted to do it for a while and it was perfect, just perfect and so brave of my

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heroes Mick and Margy, whom started a chain reaction.

2. The opportunity to suggest that £500 of our surplus accumulated funds could be donated to a Cancer Charity and moreover such Charity to be nominated by our ladies.

Both these simultaneous events paved the way for Margy to champion what became the Charity Picnic and team MGB (Margy's Girls and Boys) doing us so proud.

Other snippets in no particular order. Our meetings in June, July, September, November, January and February respectively were:

June - David Curtis, a former very senior Government Official in Sheffield, related his command of the 2007 great flood and the scrambling of a Tornado.

July - Show Night! - thanks to Paul

September - Hazel Carter spoke so bravely about her husband Alan's, battle with motor neurone disease. He was a former Club member. Hazel had just released her book recording the entire matter - many of us bought one - I read it in 2 days and often cried in the process. MND is so cruel and the Club made a donation to their Charity.

November- Ian Boskett delivered an amusing talk about The Great Train Robbery and we donated a further £50 (total £550) to Prostate Cancer.

January - Short talks by members about some of their cars

February - Patrick Fitzgerald returned to talk to us this time about pioneering people and their amazing exploits in Antarctica some 100 years ago.

Our 34 / 35 year heritage was celebrated both in August and October and we filled the Cross with our Christmas Bash.

We were all saddened by the death of the Club's instigator, Roger Vardy-Smith, just 36 hours after he spoke so passionately to us at our October party.

Last, but certainly not least, during the year Norman's aches and pains proved too difficult to overcome. We were all devastated to learn that he lost the battle to Sarcoma, just days after the cheque presentation he organised to Sarcoma UK at Studley Castle.

Quite fittingly, in February 2024 the quality of our Newsletter, masterminded by Norman, was recognised by MGOC, in their annual 2023 awards.

The AGM minutes and accompanying Reports are attached on pages 4 to 9.

I thank you all and in particular Jane, for your enthusiastic support and friendship during my year in post.

To conclude it's been an honour to be Chair, we've had some fun, raised funds for fine causes and come through very tough times together. We welcome Stephen and Denise to their 12 month term and look forward to more fun times together.

I'll return to the back benches and with a broad shoulder for anyone to lean on.

Finally, perhaps Robson Green Entertainments might organise a Bingo game or 2 sometime, to raise a few £s for another fine cause?

Hey-Ho as Norman would say and until we meet again - just do it and grab more fun!

ARDEN MG AGM 5th March 2024 – 7.45 pm

MINUTES

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes from the previous AGM
3. Chair's Report
4. Membership Secretary's Report
5. Events Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer Financial Report
7. Election of Officers
8. AOB

1. Apologies for absence:

Paul & Caroline Dunster, Graham & Fiona Robson, Roger Jackson, Bob & Bea Williams, Tony & Glenys Barr, Pas Erroi.

2. **Minutes** from previous AGM - accepted with no further comment.

3. **Chair's Report** - reproduced from the February Newsletter 2024.

Reflections on my year as Chair: With the Cross being closed in January 2023 and Paul being away in February, the AGM was postponed until March, where I was unopposed as the new Chair and at 71, probably the oldest to take on the role!

My year started in a flurry and in with both feet. In April Mick and Margy Walker gave us a Q&A presentation on Mick's Rallying days and more latterly his /their life on the roads of Europe and indeed beyond, concluding that he had covered well in excess of one million miles behind the wheel - quite a few of which on "opposite lock".

At the same time and with around £500 of surplus Club funds and knowing how many of our Ladies had endured breast cancer, I promoted that they should choose a suitable Charity for our £500 donation, which they suggested to be Breast Cancer Now. With them being such key members of our Club, this was an opportunity to have their say. Indeed Denise Bailey organised a Ladies Cream Tea later in the year to maintain momentum and more "girl power" - well done Ladies!

True to form bless her, Margy concerned about us men and Prostate Cancer, suggested that an equivalent donation of £500 be made to Prostate UK. What followed in August was Team MGB (Margy's Girls and Boys) organising a Charity Picnic, the outcome of which has been well documented.

Earlier in June, David Curtis gave us a first hand account of the great Sheffield flood in 2007 and his official command of operations, including the scrambling a Tornado.

July saw our loved ones scrubbed up for our Annual Show Night - dare I say it's possibly overdue that there's been no recognition lately for cars that get some real use and abuse - David Witham perhaps, whose whitish B has ventured to Le Mans on occasions rain or shine - watch this space.... Although Jane and I have been Club members for some 15 years, I was intrigued to learn from the "Elders" about the actual origin of the Club.

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Fred and Paul got together and in August Paul gave us a presentation of the Club's history, some 35 years earlier in October 1988. By chance at the June Natter, David Rayner introduced me to Roger Vardy-Smith, the instigator of the Club, when he was the Landlord of the Cross. By then I had thought that the October Natter should take the form of a "35th Party" and I invited Roger along, which he accepted with genuine enthusiasm, despite not enjoying the best of health. Roger delivered a fairly precise account of the Club from his records, but concluding that the Club started 34 years ago! Sadly, we were all devastated to learn that Roger died some 36 hours after entertaining us. Many of us attended Roger's funeral and David organised an MG cortège with many a farewell drink enjoyed at the Cross.

Earlier at the September meeting, former member Hazel Carter spoke most bravely to us, about the sad and cruel death of her husband Alan from Motor Neurone Disease - MND. Hazel had had written a book - "Life's Good, it's the disease that kills you" relating the entire experience, which had just been published and members bought copies with the entire proceeds gifted to MND.

The November meeting saw a factual and amusing talk on "The Great Train Robbery in 1963", by railway enthusiast Ian Boskett and a further £50 donation was made to Prostate UK.

Later in November saw our £500 cheque presentation to Sarcoma UK, most fittingly at Studley Castle - a former "BMC / BL" training centre and now a Warners destination hotel. Norman had planned the event with military precision and it has been well documented. Most surprisingly and with extreme sadness, his cancer cruelly took his life a few days after the presentation. Chairman's Chatter Arden MG Car Club February 2024 Page 7 Many of us attended Norman's funeral and Paul organised a cortège, fittingly led by Norman's son Paul, in FAV.

Soon after David Rayner organised a similar £500 cheque presentation to Shakespeare Hospice to complete our donations for the year totalling £2550!

The December meeting incorporated the Christmas Meal and Bash, which saw us having a good time and at 67 attendees, gave us the effective sole use of the Cross.

In January we had an open discussion on Club matters and short talks by Martin Pleasance and David Harrison on interesting times with some of their cars.

My year in tenure has thus had its extreme highs and lows. Our real friendships have helped pull us all through the difficult times - thank you.

I sense we're off to a fine start for 2024, so please bring your ideas to the AGM, to maintain momentum and perhaps some new style activities.

The many and various Car Runs, Events, British Motor Museum gatherings etc, will be reported at the AGM.

Again, my sincere thanks again to David for this Newsletter and my apologies for the delay in getting my Chatter to him.

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4. Membership Secretary's Report for the AGM 5/3/2024 by David Rayner

Another healthy and active year for the Arden MG Club

These membership notes cover a, 14 month period, that's all of 2023 plus January / February this year, 2024,

because we switched the AGM date from January to March, due to The Cross being closed in January and Paul Dunster being away in February.

We started with 85 members we lost 7 members giving a current membership of 78. Of these 78, we have a very active membership of 59.

These figures include, 9 new members that have joined in the last 14 months and also include 15 Honorary members.

It's having the in-pu to be active and the enthusiasm of these 59 members that make us a very successful club

As regards events,

Apart from club nights, but including the breakfast meetings, we had 29 events, a very busy year.

The most popular event was the Chairman's Charity event with 57 members attending, and a great day was had by all, raising a fabulous amount, of over £2000

Followed by the Drive it Day, with 25 cars and 50 members plus 3 visitors.

The least attended was Brailes, with 12 cars and 20 members, always a good event, but maybe the dates clashed.

Overall, I feel we have a very active membership, and a successful club, and long may it last.

CHAMPAGNE MOMENT

I say the Champagne moment, but it's for the person/couple that have attended the most meetings/events over last year, this year I am pleased to present it to..... Stephen Bailey.



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5. Events Secretary's AGM Report – March 2024

Over the last 12 months the Club has put on or supported 15 events

- 6 Organised Runs
- 4 Shows
- 2 Games Events
- Club Holiday
- First Club Ladies Event (*to my knowledge*)
- Charity Chairman's Picnic (*organised by the ladies team*)

In addition, Christmas Parties at both The Golden Cross and the BMM

- 11 member couples have been involved in putting on the Events
- 4 of which have put on more than one event

The Breakfast Meetings at the BMM have also grown in regular numbers over the year with

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lots of chat over a coffee and breakfast bap.

Thank you, and Well Done to all who have contributed and especially to the ladies who have really come to the fore this year.

Above all, the cars, the food, the fun in the company of wonderful friends have made this another first class year for the club.

Richard Avery
Events Secretary

6. Treasurers Financial Report

The sterling work so enthusiastically performed by our Treasurer Roger is summarised in his Financial Report, Page 11 which records Receipts and Payments for the year to 31 December 2023.

With receipts and payments being effectively equal for the respective Events, the Report is in reality self-explanatory. That said, it's worth noting that after allowing for £199 of advance receipts for the 2024 Warner's trip, the closing free Bank Balance reduces to £1,015 and some £500 less than the 2022 balance of £1542, accounted for by the £500 Charitable Donation to "Breast Cancer Now".

Finally the net raffle income of £420 (2022 £575), funded our various operating costs including the Christmas gifts etc. Assuming the year to 31.12.2024 similarly "Breaks Even", the Club will still retain some £1,000 of accumulated funds.

Finally - well done and sincere thanks to Roger!

7. Election of Officers:

Chairperson: Stephen Bailey for one year
Proposed by: Steve Entwistle Seconded by: Peter Maxwell
Elected by Acclamation

Treasurer: Roger Jackson
Proposed by: Alan Griffiths, Seconded by: Lech Zakrzewski
Elected by Acclamation

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Events Secretary: Richard Avery

Proposed by: Peter Maxwell, Seconded by: Mick Walker

Elected by Acclamation

Membership Secretary: David Rayner

Proposed by: Fred Bury Seconded by: Trevor Smith

Elected by Acclamation

Raffle Officers: Mike & Helen

Proposed by: Lisa Maxwell, seconded by Chris Yates

Elected by Acclamation

Newsletter Lead Editor: David Pitt

Proposed by: Diane Rayner, seconded by Steve Entwistle

Elected by Acclamation

Officer of Obscure Matters: Graham Robson

Proposed by: David Rayner seconded by Colin Howes

Elected by Acclamation

AOB

Head of IT & Club Website - Mike Jones offered to continue in post.

Christmas Party Booked for Tuesday 3rd December 2024.

Thanks to David Pitt for taking over as our Newsletter Editor.

David Burbeck - thank you for stepping up and organising Drive Day.

Fred Bury - thank you stepping up to organise a run to Bibury Motor Hub.

Thanks to Caroline and Roger Phipp for organising a skittles event at Welford Social Club on Friday 28th June.

Trevor Smith is having his 70th Birthday Party at the Happy Herefords on June 22nd and he has invited members to join him. Please email t.smith58@btinternet.com to confirm your attendance.

David Rayner has been contacted by Ambleside Care Home to put on a car display Saturday June 1st at 1.30 pm. Anyone interested contact David Rayner.

Exchanges of thanks were given to the Chair and his wife Jane and he the Chair, similarly thanked the entire membership for their support during his one-year term of office.

Finally, the Chair congratulated Stephen Bailey on his one year appointment as our new Chair.

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To conclude, Stephen Bailey presented Mike Green with a framed MG car print and Jane received a bouquet of flowers.



The Meeting was closed at 8.30 pm

An Introduction from our new Chairman Stephen



Firstly may I begin by thanking Mike and Jane for the excellent past 12 months as Chairman and Chairwoman. They did a fantastic job and the club remains as strong as ever under their tenure. Well done to them.

Now the reins have fallen to me - no pressure there then! To be honest this has been in my mind for a few months. Mike made it clear that

he would be in situ for 12 months, so I thought that perhaps I could then take on the role for the next 12? So why was I interested in putting my name forward? Essentially it was because both Denise and I both enjoy being members of the club.

An Introduction from our new Chairman Stephen

We enjoy taking part in events, going on the wonderful runs - we are seeing so many lovely places that we did not know existed - and the social aspect of the club. I enjoy driving classic cars and talking about them and I therefore thought I would like to play more of a part and hence I contacted Mike.

Thanks to those that attended the AGM, as you could see it was well attended and to be honest I was a little anxious, particularly when it was evident that the nominations for Chairman was myself.....and no one else. Essentially I had won a one horse race! I was happy with that and my thanks to the other 'officers' who are to continue for another 12 months. There is therefore lots of experience in the team and I join as the new boy. As mentioned I propose to stand as Chair for the next 12 months, I think after that time it would be good for a fresh set of eyes to hold the tiller!

So who is your new Chairman.....my background is not connected in anyway to motor vehicles, in fact quite the opposite. I spent 40 years working in and around London in Banking and latterly within the NHS. I have however always had an interest in cars - particularly classics and I enjoy driving both my classic Morris Mini and the RV8. Very different cars indeed!

After Denise and I decided on early retirement, four years ago this Summer we decided to 'Escape to the Country' and have not looked back since. It is a beautiful place to live and at a much slower pace that we were previously used too. The last 3 years we have been members of Arden MG.

One obvious great thing about being in the Midlands is that as it was the centre of vehicle development / production in the Country. I have come into contact with many people - both within the club and at car shows we have attended - who were involved in both development and production. Music to my

ears! One show I attended with my mini, a gentleman came up and said he was a Salesman in 1959 when they were first on sale. I could have spoken to him for hours!

Going forward I would like the club to continue to be successful, with us continuing to enjoy events and social gatherings. We are off to a good start with events already being pencilled on the calendar which Richard will keep updated for us. Thankyou to those of you that are already organising events, it is appreciated. On the point of organising an event/run etc, don't be shy! As Trevor mentioned at the AGM, there is a wealth of experience with in the club organising events. If there is something that you would like to do and potentially organise, there is a good chance that what you are considering there are members within the club that would like to do also. As with any potential event being considered, could I please ask that in the first instance you contact Richard and ask him to check our event calendar - the last thing we want is multiple events on the same day!

Apologies, but I do not know all your names, hopefully over the next 12 months I can get to know more of you. In the meantime I did ask David Rayner what was the most popular name within the club.....and you guessed it.....it is David. Therefore if in doubt I shall call everyone DAVID!

It looks as though Spring is starting to arrive now, the days are becoming longer and hopefully the dryer/warmer weather is not too far away, when we can be out and about in our Classics.

AMGCC Accounts Presented at the AGM

	Statement of Accounts		Year to 31st December 2023	
	2023	2022	Payments	2022
Receipts				
Bank balance at 1st January 2023	1,542.18	1,137		
Income from monthly raffles, less prizes	419.59	575		
Weekend Away - 2023	11,593.00	12,007	11,394.00	12,067
Weekend Away - 2024	490.00	510	490.00	400
Drive-it-Day	390.00	0	390.00	0
Skittles Evenings	256.00	296	255.00	292
Ladies Cream Tea	218.50	0	218.50	0
Oktober Fest	640.00	0	640.00	0
BMM Lunch	568.21	0	568.05	0
Show night and other prizes			52.90	53
Christmas dinner & raffle	2,196.00	1,497	2,466.84	1,606
Sales of regalia and calendars	70.00	410	13.99	10
			16.93	379
			67.00	58
			98.50	25
Charity Fundraising	2,081.00		500.00	0
			2,078.34	0
			1,214.43	1,542
	20,464.48	16,432	20,464.48	16,432

Notes

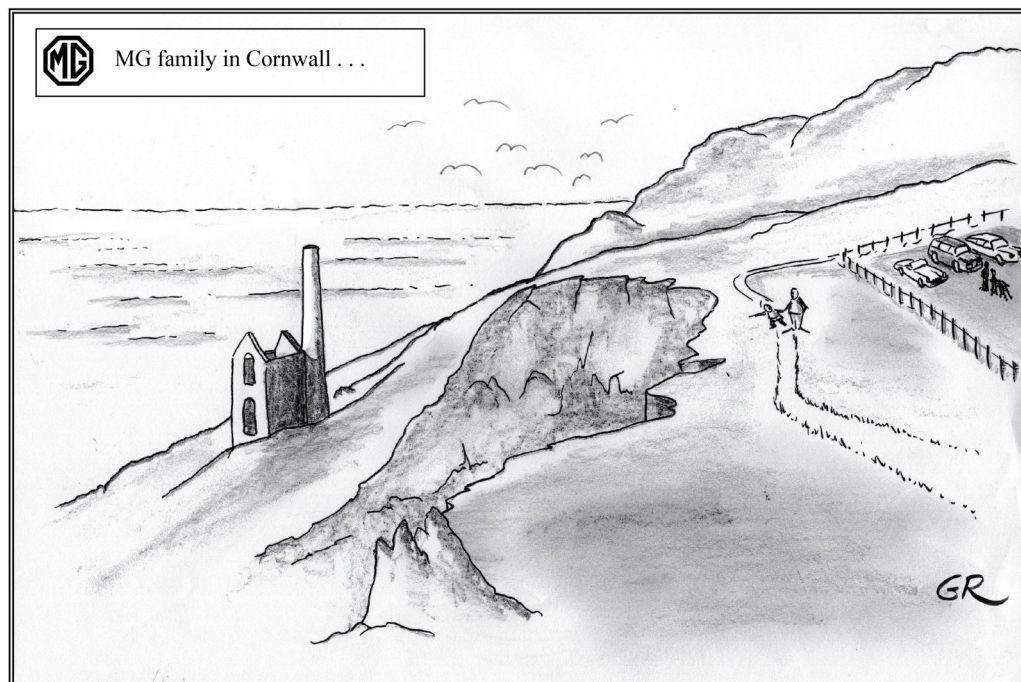
1. At 31st December 2023 we also held a float of £145 and approx £50 of prizes to be used in 2024 monthly raffles.

I confirm that the above receipts and payments summary correctly represents the transactions of the Club for the year ended 31st December 2023 in accordance with the accounting records and vouchers, which are available for inspection.

Roger Jackson
Honorary Treasurer

1st January 2024

Graham's Cartoon Time!!



Breakfast Meeting Tuesday 20th February 2024

The February Breakfast meeting was one of the biggest we have had with 22 of us in attendance. It was even clement enough for a good group of MGs to line up in the car park.

I had been told the Gallery would be in use but in practice only one half was 'out of bounds', so we decamped to a couple of large tables. As ever the conversations were vast and varied with everyone enjoying their breakfast.

Fingers crossed for another fine day this month to get the MGs out for a run, why don't you join us on the 19th March at the British Motor Museum?



Club Events—What's on 2024

2024 Events -What's On Overview

The table below shows Arden MG Club events plus other local events which may be of interest but have no specific AMGC Organiser.
If anyone wishes to take responsibility any of those other events listed for the Club, or have any other events they wish to organise, please contact me – Richard Avery
rich.avery186@gmail.com

Date	Event	AMG C	Organiser
24 March	Mad March Run/Lunch	Yes	Mike Green
21 April	Drive-It- Day	Yes	John Burbeck
23 April	Asparagus Fun Day – The Fleece Bretforton	No	
27 April	Bidford Wings & Wheels	No	
30 April	Stratford Festival of Motoring	No	
11 May	Visit to RBW – Lichfield	Yes	Nick Godfrey
20-24 May	Isle of Wight holiday (Warners)	Yes	Alan Griffith / Rich Avery
1 June	Ambleside Care Home Display	Yes	David Rayner
2 June	Heritage Run Revisited	Yes	Paul Dunster
9 June	MG's in the Park – Cotswold Wildlife Park	No	
16 June	Cars at the Spa – Leamington	No	
28 June	Skittles Evening	Yes	Roger & Caro- line Phipp
14 July	BMC & Leyland Show – BMM Gaydon	Yes	Paul Dunster
27 July	Badsey Flower Show	Yes	Steve Entwistle
10 August	Brailes Show	Yes	Fred Bury
26 August	Pershore Plum Festival	No	
3 Sept	Malvern Autumn Show	No	
7 Sept	Wellesbourne Lions	No	
8 Sept	Dorridge Fun Day	No	
28 Sept	Fish & Chip Supper – GWSR	Yes	Stephen Bailey

More details are in the following pages.

Club Events—What's on 2024

Club Nights:

Tuesday 2nd April 2024

Tuesday 7th May 2024

Tuesday 4th June 2024

Tuesday 2nd July 2024

Breakfast Meetings at BMM, Gaydon:

All meetings at the British Motor Museum in Gaydon, on the third Tuesday of the Month. The Museum opens at 10am and we aim to sit down, usually on the Gallery, otherwise in the Junction 12 Cafe. If you have not got a 12 month ticket be sure to tick the box to convert your booking to an Annual Membership. It is lower cost and quicker at the entrance if you pre-book online.

Tuesday 19th March 2024

Tuesday 16th April 2024

Tuesday 21st May 2024

Tuesday 18th June 2024

Other Events:

Sunday 24th March—March Madness Run.

Bookings have been brisk for a run starting and finishing at the Piston Club / Stag Pub at Redhill. For anyone interested please book with Jane and me - jg@oakwoodgreen.co.uk & mg@oakwoodgreen.co.uk and copy in Richard at rich.avery186@gmail.com

Sunday 21st April—Drive-it-Day

This is the annual FBHVC Run Day. More details will be sent by Richard via email.

Saturday 1st June - David Rayner has been approached by Ambleside Care Home (on the main road between Stratford and Bidford) to put on a static car show for their residents. It will be on Saturday 1st June, from 2.00 to 4.00 pm, arrival for cars would be at 1.30.

Richard Avery has listed on the event sheet, for you to add your name if you would like to attend, or you can email me at ddrayner@bidford.net

Friday 28th June—Summer Skittles

See email sent by Caroline Phipp on 9th March and poster on Page 15

Saturday 28th September—Cheltenham Fryer.

GWR Steam Railway with fish & chips supper.

Club Events—What's on 2024



Arden MG Club

Summer Skittles Social Event

Friday 28th June 2024 7pm

Welford Bowls Club

Mill Lane, Welford On Avon. CV37 8EW



Please let us know if you would like to attend the Summer Skittles Event as soon as possible.

Email caroline.phipp@outlook.com and copy rich.avery186@gmail.com to reserve your place and advise meal choice.

£12.50 per person including a supper of either Fish & Chips, Chicken & Chips or Sausage & Chips.

Drinks can be purchased at the Bar.

40 person limit.

Club Events—What's on 2024

What's On—Elsewhere

Asparagus Festival—Tuesday 23rd April at The Fleece, Bretforton

Paul has been in touch with the people at the Fleece and yes they will be holding their Asparagus Festival opening event at the Fleece again this year and there will be a 'Run' starting at the Fleece (organised by the pub) and we are all welcome to attend. Please let Paul & Richard know if you would like to join in, so we can advise of numbers for the day, I'm sure they will be offering the free Asparagus (and Pork baps) again.

The date is St George's Day Tuesday 23rd April from 9am but anytime during the morning.



RBW EV club visit on the 11th May. Please e-mail Nick@Central-Scanning.co.uk to put your name down so that we can let them know an idea of numbers. (Please ref RBW EV in the e-mail subject).

RBW EV, Unit 68, Britannia Way, Lichfield, WS14 9UY.

The more MG's there on the day the better as they have plenty of parking and no limit on numbers.

Arrive @ 10.00am

Grab a coffee, have a walk around. (Peter mentioned having refreshments)

Presentation to give an update on the history and the latest news / plans from RBW. (Peter, Ian or Becky)

Questions and answers

Tour around the facility

General mingling/looking at the cars

Finish at 1.00pm ish.

Stratford-upon-Avon Motor Festival - Call for Interest from Paul D

I have received the following message from Michelle Baker, Interim Stratford-upon-Avon BID Manager asking if we as a Club would be interested in participating in this event. The Festival had grown into a large well attended weekend but with the COVID lockdowns the event lost support, so it is good to see them trying to resurrect it. As I say in past years it was an enjoyable event which started with a run through the local countryside and finished by displaying the cars all around the closed roads of the Town. I would be interested in joining the event and would be happy to organise our attendance, however I would only be available for one day on either the 8th or 16th June.

What do you all think? Would anyone be interested and if so which of the 2 days would be better. Please let Paul and Richard know as soon as you can, so we can advise the organisers.

"We organise and deliver the high profile and well attended Stratford-upon-Avon

Club Events—What's on 2024

Motor Festival that has not taken place since Covid.

We will be bringing the Motor Festival back this year and we are hopeful that you would like to take part.

The dates we are considering are:

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th June

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th June

Please could you let me know if you and your members would be interested in participating in the Stratford-upon-Avon Motor Festival 2024 and which dates you would prefer.

I have attached a photo of a previous Motor Festival in Stratford-upon-Avon. There would be no fees as this is a brilliant community event that attracts thousands of people to the town."



MGs in the Park—9th June

MGs IN THE PARK 2024
9TH JUNE at the Cotswold Wildlife Park OX18 4JP

FREE entry to the Wildlife Park for MG & driver
MG passengers will benefit from a **DISCOUNTED** entry fee
FREE entry to the MG event once in the park...

Cotswold Wildlife Park & Gardens
www.oxfordshiremgoc.co.uk for full details

Classics at the Spa:

Sunday 16th June 2024

Pump Room Gardens, Leamington Spa.

See <https://carsatthespa.co.uk/>

Cotswold Caper:

Sunday 7th July 2024

Scenic Run starting in Chalford, Glos.

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